



HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS GIFTS DIY INSTRUCTIONS

Commercial Products hardly change year to year, hence if you want special extraordinary unique Decor Gifts and Favours [Craftwizard](#) comes to your rescue - or make them yourself!

Now to the fun part of Halloween.....crafting for a Party/Event.

The below featured mini Concrete/Clay Cauldrons/Potjie Pots Ghost and Pumpkin were made with handmade Silicone molds.

[Making Silicone molds is easy.](#)

Warning!

Small Decorations like Cauldrons, Hands, Lanterns, Fairy String Lights and Ghosts may disappear, taken by Children who had the brilliant Idea of making a Halloween Fairy Garden in a secluded Spot!

Make your own Cauldrons and Ghosts by pouring Concrete / Plaster of Paris into molds or forming/sculpting them with Clay. Paint them Black Neon Orange Lime Green.....Glow in the Dark Paint.....paint Bats....scary Faces....etc.

Concrete is best mixed according to standard instructions. Or use premixes such as quick/fastcrete.

Concrete Craft Mixes Recipes Additives, such as cement oxide colour pigment powder, natural dried flowers, leaves, grass, polystyrene pearls or worms may be added. One can either experiment or search online for mixes others have used. A General rule can be applied: Additives other than colour pigment powders can be considered aggregates. = 1part Water, 2parts Cement, 3 parts aggregates (2parts of unconventional aggregates + one part sand is another option.

A good easy multipurpose

Concrete Cement mix for Crafting is:

1 part Cement 2 Parts Sand (aggregate)

+/- 1 Part Water

CAUTION: Add water slowly bit by bit

to avoid ending up with cement "soup". However, if that happens simply add more cement and aggregate until you have the required consistency. If you have no experience working with Concrete Cement and aggregates, we recommend to have a dry Cement and Sand mix on standby to fix your mistake of adding too much water.

The all-purpose Crafting Concrete Cement mix should have the consistency of Yoghurt or Custard. It can be poured into moulds or with a little less water shaped or sculptured into a free form.

Concrete made with Cement and Water only is not very strong, but can be used for very small items like Hearts Name Gift Tags Stars Balls or Tealight Candle Holders.

Plaster of Paris Recipe: 1-part Water 2-parts Plaster of Paris. Measure the water and add Plaster of Paris. If you add Water to Plaster of Paris, you end up with a lot of clumps. Stirring to dissolve the clumps will probably leave you with a mix that has already begun to thicken/harden and can no longer be poured.

The **Cauldrons/Potjie Pots Ghosts** and **Pumpkins** were made with handmade Silicone molds.

[Making Silicone molds is easy.](#)

If you are lucky you can find a ready-made silicone mould. If you are unlucky you have to make it yourself.

The Cauldrons can be formed/sculpted with Air Dry Craft Clay/Concrete or Plaster of Paris poured into a mould.

Make these well in advance to allow for adequate drying times (3-5 days at least) Once dry you can paint them. As with all Clay, Concrete and Plaster of Paris items varnish them to make them suitable for Indoor and Outdoor use. We planted our Cauldrons Potjie Pots with sprouting Herbs grown in Cotton Wool.

The [herbs](#) got plucked / harvested at the table and spiced the Orange Halloween Pumpkin Soup to perfection.

After Dinner HippyGogo rinsed and converted some into Tealight Candle Holders and filled others with Halloween Treats, Bones, Bats, Spiders, Sweets, Candy and [Neon Coloured Fairy String Lights](#).....

We painted some with Glow in the Dark Paint, (remember to "charge" the paint ahead of time needed) which were scattered in dark spots in the Garden.

The Cauldrons and Ghosts were not only much admired Table Decorations but Gifts too. They were amongst the items Children "stole" for their Halloween Fairy Garden.

Clay/Concrete Halloween Cauldrons/Potjes



Halloween Cauldron

Tealight
Candle Holder





Halloween Candle or [Fairy String Light](#) lit **Lanterns** do create an enchanting (or if required eerie) ambience!

These were made with [Air Dry Clay](#) as Table Decorations and Gifts. You can make them taller with Concrete and use them as Outdoor Garden Lanterns.

If you want to use them as a Halloween [Tiki Torches](#) you have to put a Torch Oil Container with a wick inside the Pipe Lantern.

Concrete Lanterns can be made with 2 different sized PVC Pipes. Cutting out the inner and outer pipe to make the eyes, nose and mouth.

You need to plug the cut outs with Clay or Carboard (does not bond with Concrete).

Painting the outside with a Jack'o Lantern Face and inside with [Lumo Metallic](#) Paint for extra glow, is the easier option.



The [Fairy String Light Lit Halloween Ghosts/Ghouls](#) are fun and easy to make. Build a "human" structure with Broomsticks....Balls....Buckets...Containers, etc., dip a cotton sheet or towel into a cement and water mixed to Yoghurt/Custard consistency (no sand needed, the cloth is the aggregate), drape and shape until you have the desired form. Make them as big or small as you like. Allow 4-6 days drying time before painting or varnishing.

These are fun to make and may unleash a hidden Artists Talent! Leave them Natural Grey or White if you use white Cement. Paint Them inside only or both in and outside with [Lumo Coloured or Glow in the Dark Paint](#).

If you intend to use them again as Outdoor Halloween Décor We recommend varnishing them in and outside after painting.

We recommend varnishing the Ghosts/Ghouls even if you use them as Indoor Halloween Decorations. The Varnish (2-3 coats of Marine varnish works well) strengthens the Concrete and helps to prevent cracks.



If you make **miniature Ghosts/Ghouls**, add some white Wood/School/Craft glue to the Concrete Cement Water mix.

Shredded Cloth Halloween Ghosts Ghouls :

These are made with a, preferably, pre shredded sheet. You can drape and shape them, the same as above, over a human form structure and add [Coloured Fairy String Lights](#) or hide a Tealight Candle in a well ventilated pre-dedicated spot inside the Ghost. Untreated (dipped in Concrete) the wind will "bring the Ghosts/Ghouls alive".

Concrete dipped: Dip the cloth into a Cement Water mix (see above) to make it a weatherproof, sturdy, Outdoor Garden Feature.



[Concrete or Plaster of Paris Life Cast Hands.](#)

Click on the Link above for mold instructions.

If you not want Life Cast Hands, you can use a rubber/silicone glove, fill it with Concrete Cement/Plaster of Paris and shape to suit your application.



These are not only fun to make but are the most versatile Halloween Decor item you have ever made.

Use them as Table Decorations to hold anything you want to put on your Table.....Candle Holders.....
add them to the Garden Ghosts.....
dig them into the ground.....etc.

Leave them Cement Grey/White or paint them [Glow in the Dark Paint](#).....
fake blood.....paint wounds....you can make them as gory looking as you want!

Use the Cement mix (**Concrete Cement mix for Crafting – Page 2**).

Add Wood/School/Craft Glue to strengthen the Hands.

Allow 3-5 Drying time before painting.

They can be made with Plaster of Paris. As with Concrete Cement mix, add Wood/School/Craft Glue to add strength.



[Burlap Hessian Jute](#) Eco friendly Biodegradable Compostable [Drawstring Bags](#) can be made any size you may want them to be.

We used 100x150mm Orange Hessian Drawstring Bags filled with Sweets as Table Decorations and Gifts.

Screen-print.....Hand-paint.....Hand or Machine Embroider them....add Bones...Bats....Witches, etc.

Mixed with Lime Green Bags they definitely add colour to your Decor.



Natural Eco friendly Biodegradable Compostable

[Cotton Loot Trick or Treat Bags](#)

Tote Drawstring Bags.

Screen-print.....Hand-paint.....Hand or Machine Embroider them....add Bones...Bats....Witches..etc.

Or get someone to sponsor them with their Logo Printed together with a Halloween Theme. [Vered Estate Agents Fourways](#) have sponsored Bags

for our Gated Area.

The Bags are re-usable fun Shopping...Gym....Book....School....Bags.



BYE! 🙋for now!

Have fun banishing and keeping away evil Spirits!